

**In the Title:**

Please change the title to "COMPUTER FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM".

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1-28 in the manner noted in the complete listing of the claims set forth below (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~striketrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter).

Cancel claims 1-16.

17. (currently amended) A method of operating ~~operation~~ for a ~~custom filesystem on~~ a computer system having a main filesystem, ~~said the~~ method comprising ~~the steps of:~~  
~~loading~~ generating a system configuration file that comprises information identifying ~~containing~~  
attributes of ~~said the~~ computer system;  
generating a custom filesystem comprising links to selected software of the main filesystem,  
where the selected software is identified for linking into the custom filesystem based on  
information provided through the system configuration file;  
using the links of the custom filesystem to generate requests relating to the selected software;  
responding to ~~receipt of a request to perform an operation~~ a request generated using at least one  
of the links by:

intercepting the request in the custom filesystem before processing, if any, of the request  
by the main filesystem, and

using the custom filesystem to access a real file location corresponding to the link.

~~Accessing said custom filesystem, said custom filesystem having been generated ahead of~~  
~~time by performing the steps of:~~

~~generating and storing a file of attributes for said computer system;~~

~~selecting required software applications from available software applications in~~  
~~accordance with said attributes;~~

~~linking said selected software applications to said custom filesystem;~~

~~positioning said custom filesystem to take priority over said main filesystem, in  
that a process manager will attempt to address requests on said custom  
filesystem prior to placing said requests on said main filesystem;  
re-directing said requested operation to a corresponding real file location; and  
performing said requested operation with respect to said real file.~~

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 17 ~~18~~, wherein the said system configuration file comprises static and dynamic system characteristics of the ~~said~~ system.

Cancel claims 20 and 21.

22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, ~~further comprising the step of:~~  
~~responding to a command which requires modification of a file~~ where the custom filesystem  
responds to a request to modify a file linked in the custom filesystem by copying the said  
file to a spill directory-tree.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 ~~21~~, where the custom filesystem uses the  
modified file stored in the spill directory in response to further requests relating to the modified  
file. ~~further comprising the step of responding to a request from the system by:~~  
~~responding to said file having been spilled by requiring request spilled location.~~

Cancel claims 24-28.